

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasan (US 6,404,859) in view of Ausems et al. (US 6,434,403). Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasan and Ausems et al. and further in view of Xie (Pub. No. US 2003/0078803). Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasan and Ausems et al. and further in view of Luisi (Pub. No. US 2002/0169617). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasan and Ausems et al. and further in view of Chihara et al. (Pub. No. US 2002/0068600).

1. Rejection of claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):
Claims 1-3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasan (US 6,404,859) in view of Ausems et al. (US 6,434,403) for reasons of record, as recited on pages 2-4 of the above-indicated Office action.

Response:

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Claim 1 now states that the computer system utilizes personal data stored in the memory for supplying input data when the computer system prompts the user for input data. That is, the computer system does not merely read the personal data during routine backup operations. Instead, the computer system retrieves the personal data from the memory instead of having the user manually enter the personal data into the computer system in response to a prompt from the computer system to input data. This amendment is fully supported in the specification, and no new matter is added.

Hasan teaches a voice input module, but the voice input module does not contain a memory for storing personal data that is retrieved by the computer system.

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Ausems et al. (hereinafter referred to as Ausems) teaches in col.9, lines 17-29 that the address book of a PDA can be backed up onto a computer system. However, this address book data is retrieved from the PDA as part of a routine backup operation, and is not retrieved from the PDA when the computer system prompts the user of the PDA to input personal data. In other words, Ausems does not teach that there is personal data stored in the memory of the PDA that is supplied to the computer system in response to a prompt for the user to enter personal data.

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The voice input module of claim 1 is completely different from a standard backup operation of a PDA, which does not prompt a user for input data. Therefore, the voice input module according to the currently amended claim 1 would not be obvious over the combination of Hasan and Ausems since there is no suggestion or motivation in the art for a computer system to retrieve personal data from memory in response to a prompt to the user to input personal data. Claims 2-3 and 9 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-3 and 9 is respectfully requested.

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2. Rejection of claims 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for reasons of record, as recited on page 3 of the above-indicated Office action.

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Response:

Claims 4-8 are dependent on claim 1, and should be
allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims
5 4-8 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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